Anti-India activities of Syed Abdullah Bokhari

760. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI-SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Goxernment's attention has been drawn to a news item in the Times of India, dated December 24, 1987 to the effect that during his week-long sojourn in Pakistan in December last, Syed Abdullah Buk-hari had said that any pressure on Tndl:a by the Pakistan Government for stopping opression against Muslims could not be construed as interference in linternal affairs of India; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken against him for sxicn anti-India ar.tivitlies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRV OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government have seen reports appearing in various newspapers published from India and Pakistan. However authentic versions of the speeches said to have been made are not available. More information is being obtained through Ministry of External Affairs.

उच्चतम न्यायालय में हिन्दी का प्रयोग

@761. श्री शरद यादव : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार उच्चतम न्यायालय में शासकीय कामकाज के लिए हिन्दी का प्रयोग किए जाने पर विचार कर रही है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो हिन्दी को न अपनाए जाने के क्या कारण हैं ?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री चिंतामणि पाणिग्रही) : (क) से (ग) : संविधान के अनुच्छेद 348(i) में की गई व्यवस्था के अनुसार उच्चतम न्यायालय की कार्यवाहियों में अंग्रेजी का प्रयोग तब तक जारी रहेगा जब तक कि संसद विधि द्वारा कोई उपबन्ध न कर दे । उपयुक्त समय आने पर इस व्यवस्था में परिवर्तन के लिए विचार किया जाएगा ।

Investigation into Churhat Lottery Affairs

762. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE;

SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CBI or any other Central Government Agency has investigated at any time any aspect of the Churhat lottery affair: if so, what are the findings thereof; and

(b) what are the guidelines for sucii lotteries and whether any of the guidelines was violated in this case; if so, in what way and what action has been taken against the guilty?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) and (b) CBI have not investigated the case. A copy of the guidelines was placed on the Table of the House on 10th March, 1987.

Private lotteries come entirely under the purview of the State Governments and it is for them to take action against any irregularities. The Madhya Pradesh Government have informed that the Ijeence for this lot-

ary was given in accordance with *the* provisions of MP lottery (Niyan-tran Tatha Kar) Adhiniyam, 1973.

US offer of housing aid to India

@763. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister ol FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the US had offered 35 million as housing aid to India recently; and

(b) if so, what arc the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OP FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): fa) and (b) The Housing Development Finance Corporation Ltd. (HDFC) hasi been authorised to borrow an amount of $ 35 million from the US Capital Market under the US Housing Guarantee Programme. This amount is in addition to $ 90 million borrowed by HDFC under this programme in the past. An agreement in this regard has been entered into by HDFC with the US Agency for International Development. As in the past the amount of $ 35 million will be utilised by HDFC for its low income shelter activities.

Establishment of an Inter-State Council

764. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state: ,

(a) whether some Chief Ministers have suggested to the Central Government for the constitution of an inter-State Council under Article 263 of the Constitution;

(b) whether the Central Government have accepted this recommendation; and

(c) if so, by when the proposed inter-State Council is likely to be established?

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI):
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Sarkaria Commis sion on Centre-State Relations have also made recommendations for Bett ing up of an inter-State Council un der Article 263 of the Constitution. Printed copies of the report of Sar karia Commission on Centre-State Relations have just become available. They have been sent to Central Mi nistries and State Governments. Co pies have also been sent to Hon'ble Members of Parliament. Govern- ment will take final view after Ihe views of State Governments, Members of Parliamtnt and others concerned are available.

Opening of branches of banks in U.P.

765. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Ministe- of FINANCE be pleassd to state:

(a) what is the number of branches of nationalised and other banks opened in U.P. till December 31. 1987;

(b) what was the number of branches other than nationalised banks in U.P. till December 31, 1987;

(c) whether Goysviunent have any proposal to open branches of these two categories of banks during the year 1988-89 in U.P; and

(d) if so, what are the district-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that as at the end of September, 1987 (latest available), 7544 branches of commercial banks were functioning *in*